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A continuing influx of youthful strangers to the city is compelling the Montreal YMCA to become increasingly selective in the allocation of rooms in its downtown residence.

"We are geared for young men," says J.A. Hastings, business secretary of the Montreal YMCA. "Because there are now so many of them arriving here in need of a place until they get their bearings and find a job, we have to be restrictive.

First choice of accomodation is given to men between the ages of 18 and 40 who are newcomers to the city.

Even those who have resided in Montreal before and are, therefore, expected to have some knowledge of the city, receive lower priority than those here for the first time.

"All men are encouraged to find suitable accomodation elsewhere when they have been in our residence two years," says Mr. Hastings.

The Y's rental scale, which has not been changed since 1960, when an extensive renovation program was launched, will, however, remain at current levels.

As far as Mr. Hastings is concerned, the 1967 World's Fair to be held in Montreal will merely add to his staff's administrative work load.

"For years we have always been filled from June to November. During Expo we will have to work harder to help Y Members and groups from many areas who need accomodation, swims, meeting rooms, etc.," he comments.

Daily rates range from \$1.18 for out-of-town students to a high of \$8.50 for each of the four deluxe rooms available. Prices include full Y membership privileges and applicable taxes.

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